One cDNA sequence was isolated in the amylase screen described in Example 2, wherein that cDNA sequence is herein designated DNA43509 (see Figure 71). Based on the DNA43509 sequence, oligonucleotide probes were generated and used to screen a human fetal lung library (LIB25) prepared as described in paragraph 1 of Example 2 above. The cloning vector was pRK5B (pRK5B is a precursor of pRK5D that does not contain the SfiI site; see, Holmes et al., Science, 253:1278-1280 (1991)), and the cDNA size cut was less than 2800 bp.

A pair of PCR primers (forward and reverse) were synthesized based on the DNA43509 sequence:

forward PCR primer 5'-CGTTTTGCAGAACCTACTCAGGCAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:192)

reverse PCR primer 5'-CCTCCACCAACTGTCAATGTTGTGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:193)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA43509 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-AAAGTGCTGCTGCTGGGTCTGCAGACGCGATGGATAACGT-3' (SEQ ID NO:194)

Using the above described primers and library, a full length clone was identified that contained a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 131-133 and ending at the stop codon found at nucleotide positions 587-589 (Figure 69; SEQ ID NO:189). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 152 amino acids long, has a calculated molecular weight of approximately 17,170 daltons and an estimated pI of approximately 9.62. Analysis of the full-length PRO772 sequence shown in Figure 70 (SEQ ID NO:190) evidences the presence of the following: a potential type II transmembrane domain from about amino acid 26 to about amino acid 42, other potential transmembrane domains from about amino acid 44 to about amino acid 65, from about amino acid 81 to about amino acid 101 and from about amino acid 109 to about amino acid 129, leucine zipper pattern sequences from about amino acid 78 to about amino acid 99 and from about amino acid 85 to about amino acid 106. Clone UNQ410 (DNA49645-1347) has been deposited with ATCC on April 28, 1998 and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209809.

Analysis of the amino acid sequence of the full-length PRO772 polypeptide suggests that it possesses significant sequence similarity to the human A4 protein, thereby indicating that PRO772 may be a novel A4 protein homolog. More specifically, an analysis of the Dayhoff database (version 35.45 SwissProt 35) evidenced significant homology between the PRO772 amino acid sequence and the following Dayhoff sequences, HSU93305_1, A4P_HUMAN, CELB0454_2, VPU_JSRV, CELC12D12_2, OCCM_AGRT1, LBPHIG1E_50, YIGK_ECOLI, S76245 and P_R50807.

EXAMPLE 32: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO852

A consensus sequence was obtained relative to a variety of EST sequences as described in Example 1 above, wherein the consensus sequence obtained is herein designated DNA34364. Based on the DNA34364 consensus sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence for PRO852.

PCR primers (forward and reverse) were synthesized:

forward PCR primer 1 5'-CGCAGAAGCTACAGATTCTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO:197)

forward PCR primer 2 5'-GGAAATTGGAGGCCAAAGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:198)
forward PCR primer 3 5'-GGATGTAGCCAGCAACTGTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:199)
forward PCR primer 4 5'-GCCTTGGCTCGTTCTCTTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:200)
forward PCR primer 5 5'-GGTCCTGTGCCTGGATGG-3' (SEQ ID NO:201)
reverse PCR primer 1 5'-GACAAGACTACCTCCGTTGGTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:202)
reverse PCR primer 2 5'-TGATGCACAGTTCAGCACCTGTTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:203)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA34364 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-CGCTCCAAGGGCTTTGACGTCACAGTGAAGTACACACAAGGAAGCTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:204)

In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with the PCR primer pair identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate clones encoding the PRO852 gene using the probe oligonucleotide and one of the PCR primers. RNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human fetal kidney tissue (LIB228).

DNA sequencing of the clones isolated as described above gave the full-length DNA sequence for PRO852 [herein designated as UNQ418 (DNA45493-1349)] (SEQ ID NO:195) and the derived protein sequence for PRO852.

The entire nucleotide sequence of UNQ418 (DNA45493-1349) is shown in Figure 72 (SEQ ID NO:195). Clone UNQ418 (DNA45493-1349) contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 94-96 and ending at the stop codon at nucleotide positions 16748-1650 (Figure 72). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 518 amino acids long (Figure 73). The full-length PRO852 protein shown in Figure 73 has an estimated molecular weight of about 56,180 daltons and a pI of about 5.08. Analysis of the full-length PRO852 sequence shown in Figure 73 (SEQ ID NO:196) evidences the presence of the following: a signal peptide from about amino acid 1 to about amino acid 20, a transmembrane domain from about amino acid 466 to about amino acid 494, potential N-glycosylation sites from about amino acid 170 to about amino acid 173 and about amino acid 366 to about amino acid 369, leucine zipper sequence pattern blocks from about amino acid 10 to about amino acid 31 and from about amino acid 197 to about amino acid 218 and blocks of amino acids having sequence homology to eukaryotic and viral aspartyl proteases from about amino acid 109 to about amino acid 118, from about amino acid 252 to about amino acid 261 and from about amino acid 298 to about amino acid 310. Clone UNQ418 (DNA45493-1349) has been deposited with ATCC on April 28, 1998 and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209805.

Analysis of the amino acid sequence of the full-length PRO852 polypeptide suggests that it possesses significant sequence similarity to various protease proteins, thereby indicating that PRO852 may be a novel protease protein or homolog thereof. More specifically, an analysis of the Dayhoff database (version 35.45 SwissProt 35) evidenced significant homology between the PRO852 amino acid sequence and the following Dayhoff sequences, PEPC_HUMAN, S66516, S66517, PEPE_CHICK, CATD_HUMAN, P_R74207, CARP_YEAST, PEP2_RABIT, CATE_HUMAN and RENI_MOUSE.

EXAMPLE 33: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO853

A consensus sequence was obtained relative to a variety of EST sequences as described in Example 1 above, wherein the consensus sequence obtained is herein designated DNA43050. Based on the DNA43050 consensus sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence for PRO853.

Forward and reverse PCR primers were synthesized:

forward PCR primer 5'-CTTCATGGCCTTGGACTTGGCCAG-3' (SEQ ID NO:207)

reverse PCR primer 5'-ACGCCAGTGGCCTCAAGCTGGTTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:208)

Additionally, a synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probe was constructed from the consensus DNA43050 sequence which had the following nucleotide sequence

hybridization probe

5'-CTTTCTGAGCTCTGAGCCACGGTTGGACATCCTCATCCACAATGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:209)

In order to screen several libraries for a source of a full-length clone, DNA from the libraries was screened by PCR amplification with one of the PCR primer pairs identified above. A positive library was then used to isolate clones encoding the PRO853 gene using the probe oligonucleotide and one of the PCR primers. RNA for construction of the cDNA libraries was isolated from human fetal kidney tissue (LIB228).

DNA sequencing of the clones isolated as described above gave the full-length DNA sequence for PRO853 [herein designated as UNQ419 (DNA48227-1350)] (SEQ ID NO:205) and the derived protein sequence for PRO853.

The entire nucleotide sequence of UNQ419 (DNA48227-1350) is shown in Figure 74 (SEQ ID NO:205). Clone UNQ419 (DNA48227-1350) contains a single open reading frame with an apparent translational initiation site at nucleotide positions 128-130 and ending at the stop codon at nucleotide positions 1259-1261 (Figure 74). The predicted polypeptide precursor is 377 amino acids long (Figure 75). The full-length PRO853 protein shown in Figure 75 has an estimated molecular weight of about 40,849 daltons and a pI of about 7.98. Important regions of the amino acid sequence of PRO853 include the signal peptide, corresponding to amino acids from about 1 to about 16 of SEQ ID NO:206, the glycosaminoglycan attachment site, corresponding to amino acids from about 46 to about 49 of SEQ ID NO:206, and two sequences typical of the short-chain alcohol dehydrogenase family, corresponding to amino acids from about 37 to about 49 and about 114 to about 124 of SEQ ID NO:206, respectively. Clone UNQ419 (DNA48227-1350) has been deposited with ATCC and is assigned ATCC deposit no. 209812.

EXAMPLE 34: Isolation of cDNA Clones Encoding Human PRO860

A consensus sequence was obtained relative to a variety of EST sequences as described in Example 1 above, wherein the consensus sequence obtained is herein designated DNA38137. Based on the DNA38137 consensu sequence, oligonucleotides were synthesized: 1) to identify by PCR a cDNA library that contained the sequence of interest, and 2) for use as probes to isolate a clone of the full-length coding sequence for PRO860.

Forward and reverse PCR primers were synthesized:

forward PCR primer 5'-GAAGGGACCTACATGTGTGTGGCC-3' (SEQ ID NO:212)

reverse PCR primer 5'-ACTGACCTTCCAGCTGAGCCACAC-3' (SEQ ID NO:213)